

CANADIANS ARE GLAD TO FIGHT

Troops From North America Welcome the Release From Training Camp.

BY FREDERICK PALMER.

British Headquarters in France, March 20.—The Canadian troops are frankly glad to be in the fighting zone and away from Salisbury Plain in England, where they went through a long and disagreeable training period. A little nervous at the explosion of shells at first, the Canadians are now settled down like veterans. The entire contingent is as chipper as a winning baseball team.

It was pitch dark and at the hour when the supplies go up to the trenches. There was not a light on any vehicle or in any habitation, but after stumbling along, the correspondent passed through an open door and the darkened hall of a farmer's house and entered the brilliantly illuminated room, with thickly curtained windows, the brigade headquarters.

The commander and his officers gathered around the correspondent from the United States, whose request to go into the trenches had been gladly granted. The correspondent soon was on his way down a dark road with a sergeant from Ottawa as his guide, to the battalion headquarters.

Insuing through the ruins of a village the sergeant remarked: "The Germans are not satisfied yet. They chuck a few shells into the wreckage every day. The shells made us kind of nervous at first, but we are used to them now, all right."

Commander Sleeps in Cellar.

In a peasant cottage, battened as tight as a photographer's dark room—an enemy fire at a light—the correspondent found the battalion commander who was from Quebec. He sleeps in the cellar and other officers of the battalion staff in dugouts.

"Look at that narrow foot bridge, and here you are likely to slip off into the ditch," warned the colonel as he advised the correspondent to keep close behind him in the inky night. "Right along here is a favorite place for the Germans to loosen up with a machine gun, for they have a clear field for fire," the colonel added when an open space was reached.

"There is nothing to do but to lie flat and wait until they are done shooting."

A German searchlight's rays swung toward the colonel and the correspondent and then rested on the clear spot.

"Stand still," said the officer. "That's the rule until it sweeps off. Then they are not able to spot us."

Super Reaches the Rear.

Occasional shots were heard behind the trenches. "That's a sniper in our rear," the colonel said. "Occasionally one gets through. We don't know how. He is always khaki. We are out after this fellow, and we will get him before morning."

The colonel and the correspondent

SUBMARINE AND DESTROYER FIGHT

New York, March 20.—Passengers aboard the British steamer Lapland, which reached here today from Liverpool, witnessed a battle in the Irish channel between a British torpedo boat destroyer, which escorted the Lapland, and a German submarine. The steamer and convoy were not far from Liverpool when the torpedo boat opened fire.

The raider fired a torpedo at another vessel. Passengers aboard the Lapland watched the progress of the missile through the water and saw that it went wide of its target.

Meantime the torpedo boat's guns had quickened their fire to a fusillade of shots. The Lapland's captain ordered full speed ahead and the steamer moved forward. To dodge torpedoes the Lapland was steered in a zigzag course. The steamer left the combatants behind and made the safety of the open ocean.

kept passing lone soldiers carrying food and ammunition to the trenches, or returning from the trenches empty handed. The colonel spoke to them as "boys," a greeting one never hears from an English officer.

As the trenches were entered a sudden command was given to someone showing an electric flash to turn it off as the "patrols are coming in." Several men who had been crawling up in Indian fashion to see if the Germans were up to anything new, came running from the top of the trench. Some bullets swept overhead. The Germans had seen the movement and fired, but hit nobody.

"We got within seven feet of the bunch in that old house and heard them whispering," said one member of the patrol.

When the strapping, tall Canadians took the position over from an English regiment they found the great too low for their height and had to raise it several inches. They have shown characteristic American ingenuity and initiative in arranging the trenches to suit themselves, and besides have made them wholly dry and comfortable.

SPANISH SHIP WITH IRON FOR GERMANY CAPTURED

London, Eng., March 20.—It is reported that a Spanish ship, laden with iron ore and proceeding to a German port, had been captured by a British cruiser off Goodwin sands in the strait of Dover, and sent into Jarrow, in charge of an armed crew.

BETTER IN CAMP

United States Arranges For War Prisoners' Relief and Exchange of Some.

Washington, D. C., March 20.—An arrangement between Great Britain and Germany and Austria by which representatives of the United States will inspect and report on alien prison camps in those countries and distribute to prisoners supplies from their own government or other sources, is announced by the state department. At the same time it was stated that through the good offices of the American government, similar arrangements were under contemplation between Russia and France and Germany and Austria-Hungary.

These agreements are based upon recommendations contained in a report by Chandler P. Anderson, formerly counsel for the state department, who conferred with the chief officers of Great Britain, Germany and Austria-Hungary last November and visited some of the detention camps in those countries.

Registration of Civilians.

Mr. Anderson also reported on the exercise of good offices of the United States to bring about better understanding among the European belligerents regarding the repatriation of civilian prisoners. In this connection it is announced that Great Britain and Germany and Austria-Hungary have expressed a willingness to exchange man for man of the detained enemy civilians of military age, while an arrangement for the release of civilians of non-military age has been held up so far by Great Britain.

Each of the belligerent governments undertakes to furnish for the information of the other a complete statement of its policy with regard to the treatment of prisoners, with full details showing the supplies furnished and the conditions of life and the requirements which they wish to have communicated to their own government.

Both sides have agreed to arrange for the reciprocal release of all civilians physically disqualified for military service.

Release of Civilians.

The German and Austro-Hungarian governments are prepared to agree to the reciprocal release of civilians over the age for compulsory military service under their respective laws, which in Germany is 45 years and in Austria-Hungary, 42 years of age. The British government has refused as yet to reduce the age below 25 in the case of Germany, and 30 in the case of Austria-Hungary, but this question may be reconsidered.

The British and German governments are disposed to observe the provisions of articles 6 and 7, of the Hague convention of 1907, regarding the crews of enemy merchant ships captured by a belligerent, but there has been a difference between the two governments as to the meaning of these provisions.

Diffidence in Viewpoint.

The German government interprets these articles as meaning that the crews of captured ships are not only to be released from imprisonment, but permitted to return to their own country without hindrance. If they so desire, under parole against employment in any service connected with the operations of the war.

The British government, on the other hand, interprets these provisions as merely requiring the liberation on parole in Great Britain of crews of captured merchant ships, under the reservation that subsequently they will be treated no more favorably than other Germans residing in Great Britain.

Great Britain and Austria-Hungary reached an agreement at the beginning of the war releasing each other's merchant ship crews, and very few have since been captured.

The arrangements made by France and Russia with Germany and Austria-Hungary are understood to be similar to those made by Great Britain.

Military Prisoners.

In regard to military prisoners, no arrangements have been made for the exchange of such prisoners, except that on the suggestion of the government of the United States early in November, both sides have agreed that all wounded prisoners who are permanently disabled for military service shall be released on a reciprocal basis.

Attention is directed by Mr. Anderson to the fact that Germany alone claimed, several months ago, to have upwards of 20,000 British, over 300,000 Russians and 200,000 French and Belgians. There are seven thousand German prisoners of war in Great Britain in addition to the 12,000 or more German and Austrian civilians in concentration camps. Many thousands of German and Austrian soldiers are known to be held as military prisoners in France, and the number of prisoners of war who have been taken on both sides between Russia and Germany and Austria-Hungary runs to very large figures.

Aggravated Situation.

"The situation has been aggravated by sensational stories of abuse and maltreatment of prisoners on both sides, which have been given wide circulation in the newspapers of many countries, and, although for the most part without foundation of fact, have been popularly accepted as true," says a statement issued by the state department. "The result of all this has been to excite and inflame public feeling in all these countries to the extent of demanding retaliation and reprisals."

GERMAN EMPEROR AGAIN SUFFERS THROAT TROUBLE

Geneva, Switzerland, March 20.—Continual traveling, anxiety and lack of care have brought back on emperor William of Germany the throat trouble with which he was some months ago afflicted, according to apparently reliable information received here.

German doctors, it is stated, frequently have advised an operation and it is said that the Swiss practitioner, Dr. Vermond of Lausanne, considers it essential there should be an immediate operation which would involve at least two months of complete inactivity.

A dispatch received here Friday night from Berlin by way of Basle states the German emperor is seriously ill in the German capital. Other reports assert he is visiting the battle front.

CONSTANTINOPLE ANXIOUS TO AVOID BOMBARDMENT

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 20.—For some days negotiations have been under way, the American embassy acting as intermediary, with a view to avoiding the bombardment of the European side of Constantinople when the allied fleet shall have forced the Dardanelles.

News of an attempt to land allied troops at the Dardanelles caused a great sensation at the Turkish capital.

HOLLAND SENDS STRONG PROTEST

The Netherlands Objects to Blockade Order; War Zones Are Dull.

London, Eng., March 20.—The government of The Netherlands, according to the correspondent of Reuters' Telegram company at The Hague, has sent to Great Britain and France a protest against the British blockade of Germany.

German Report Small Actions.

The German I. naval staff at Berlin today gave out a report on the progress of the fighting, which says:

"On the road between Wytschaete and Tyne, near St. Eloi, German soldiers captured from British troops a group of houses on the south slope of the Lorette heights.

"French attacks to the north of Verdun, in the Woerthe plain, and at a point near Combray, to the east of the heights of the Meuse, all were repulsed, the enemy sustaining heavy losses.

"On the eastern front the day was comparatively quiet. Menel, the Prussian port on the Baltic, has been occupied by the Russians."

France Has Nothing New.

The report of the French war department this afternoon on the progress of hostilities was confined to the simple statement that there was nothing to communicate.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS TERRIFY THE TURKS

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Telegram company from the island of Tenedos.

This resumption of the action, after the loss Thursday of the French battleship Bouvet and the British battleships Irresistible and Ocean, failed to accomplish anything, for the reason that the unfavorable weather conditions made action impossible.

Russians Reach Bosphorus.

"It is officially confirmed that a Russian squadron has approached the northern part of the Bosphorus," says Reuters' Petrograd correspondent. "The appearance of the squadron caused a great panic in Constantinople."

Loss of Battleships.

The admiralty gave out the following statement regarding operations at the Dardanelles:

"Mine sweeping having been in progress during the last 10 days inside the straits, a general attack was delivered by the British and French fleets Thursday morning upon the fortresses at the narrow.

"At 10:45 the Queen Elizabeth, In-

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bombarded forts J, L, T, U and V, while the Triumph and Prince George fired at batteries 7, B and H. A heavy fire was opened on the ships from howitzers and field guns.

French Ships Engage Turks.

"At 12:22 o'clock the French squadron, consisting of the Suffren, Gueleda, Charlemagne and Bouvet advanced upon the Dardanelles and engaged the Turks at closer range. Forts J, U, B and H replied strongly. Their fire was silenced by ten battleships inside the straits, all the ships being hit several times during this part of the action.

Bouvet Is Blown Up.

"By 1:22 p. m. all the forts had ceased firing. The Venizelos, Irresistible, Albion, Ocean, Suffren and Majestic then advanced to relieve the old battleships inside the straits. As the French squadron which had engaged the Turks in a most brilliant fashion was passing out the Bouvet was blown up by a drifting mine. She sank in 20 fathoms north of Ereikent village in less than three minutes.

"At 2:25 p. m. the relief battleships renewed the attack on the forts, which again opened fire. The attack on the forts was maintained while the operations of the mine sweepers continued.

British Battleships Sink.

"At 4:30 p. m. the irrepressible quit the line, listing heavily and at 5:30 o'clock sank, having probably struck a drifting mine. At 6:05 o'clock the Ocean also, having struck a mine, sank. Both vessels sank in deep water, practically the whole of their crew having been removed safely under a hot fire.

"The Gueleda was damaged by gun fire. The Irresistible had her forward control position hit by a heavy shell and requires repairs. The bombardment

by the forts of the mine sweeping operations terminated when darkness fell. The damage to the forts effected by the prolonged direct fire or the very powerful forces employed, cannot yet be estimated and a further report will follow. The losses of the ships was caused by mines drifting with the current which were encountered in areas hitherto swept clear and this danger will require special treatment.

Bouvet's Crew Is Lost.

"The British casualties were not heavy, considering the scale of operations, but practically the whole of the crew of the Bouvet were lost with the ship, an internal explosion having apparently supervened on the explosion of the mine.

"The Queen and Imperable have been dispatched from England to replace the ships lost in anticipation of this operation."

GERMANS HEAR BRITISH NAVAL BASE BOMBARDED

Berlin, Germany, March 20 (by wire- less to Sarsville, L. J.)—The Overseas News agency Friday gave out the following:

"Reports have reached Berlin to the effect that two German aviators have bombarded the British naval base at Sheerness, the British naval base."

AUSTRIANS CAN'T ESCAPE FROM MILITARY SERVICE

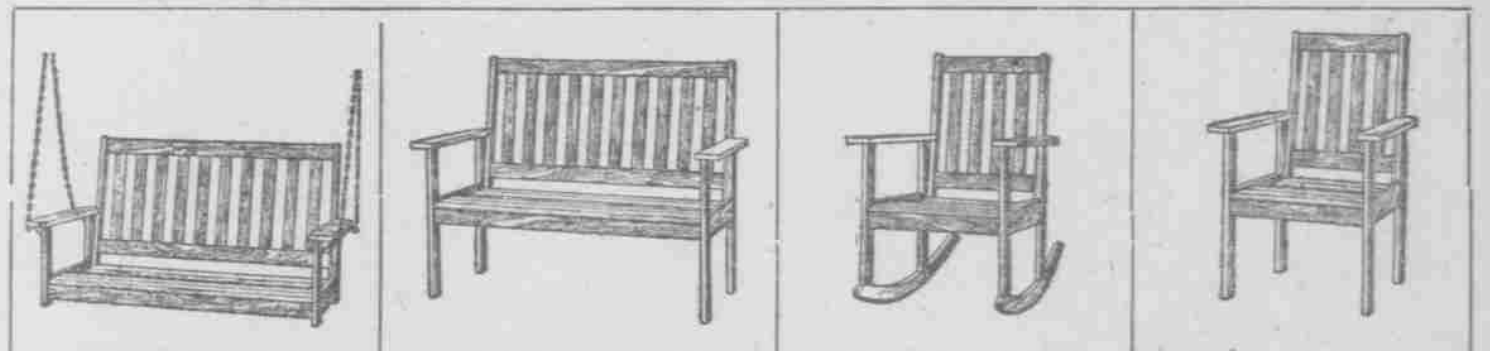
Venice, Italy, March 20.—Not a man is to be exempted from service in a Austrian landsturm until the most rigorous physical examination has proved him unfit for war service. The minister of the interior has sent this instruction to all Austrian provincial authorities.

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